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Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 2184  
Docket No.: U1927.0008/P008

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Fumihisa Shimono

Application No.: 09/535,893

Art Unit: 2184

Filed: March 27, 2000

Examiner: M. Maskulinski

For: WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORK  
SYSTEM, FAULT RECOVERY  
METHOD, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORED THEREIN A  
COMPUTER PROGRAM EXECUTING  
THE FAULT RECOVERY PROCESS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 11), finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

### FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	15	- 20* =		X	
Independent	3	- 3** =		X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					

\*not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

### CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will

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avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the complete listing of claims beginning at page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.